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In re Application of: Ernest J. Hamilton

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APPARATUS AND METHODS
INDEPENDENT OF BLADE THICKNESS
VIA CONSTRAINED BIASING
ELEMENTS

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 3, 2004, and, further, in response to the Advisory Action dated December 1, 2004. The three-month shortened statutory period for response to the Final Office Action expired on December 3, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being submitted with a petition for a one-month extension of time and the appropriate fee.

Amendments to the claims are set forth in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks start at page 9 of this paper.